



**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
GANG CRIMES BUREAU - PREVENTION SECTION
702/828-3309**

WHAT KIDS CAN DO TO PREVENT GANG VIOLENCE

- **SETTLE ARGUMENTS WITH WORDS, NOT FISTS OR WEAPONS.** Don't stand around and form an audience when others are arguing. A group makes a good target for violence.
- **DON'T PRETEND TO BE A GANG MEMBER;** it could get you killed.
- **TELL THE TRUTH TO PARENTS AND ADULTS ABOUT ACTIVITIES.** If you want trust and respect, then you must earn it. Remember that adults and your parents make mistakes too.
- **KEEP YOUR FAMILY INFORMED ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDS.**
- **LEARN SAFE ROUTES FOR WALKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD,** and know good places to seek help. Trust your feelings, and if there is a sense of danger, get away fast.
- **REPORT ANY CRIMES OR SUSPICIOUS actions** to the police, school authorities and parents. Be willing to testify.
- **DON'T HANG OUT** with gang members.
- **STAY AWAY** from known gang hangouts.
- **NEVER GO ANYWHERE WITH SOMEONE** you don't know and trust.
- **IF SOMEONE TRIES TO PRESSURE YOU** into joining a gang, say no, get away and tell a trusted adult. Remember, it is not the victim's fault.
- **DON'T USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS** and stay away from places and people associated with them.
- **STICK WITH FRIENDS WHO ARE ALSO AGAINST GANGS,** violence and drugs and stay away from known trouble spots.
- **GET INVOLVED TO MAKE SCHOOL A SAFER AND BETTER.** Organize poster contests against violence, hold a anti violence and anti drug rallies, counsel peers and settle disputes peacefully.
- **HELP YOUNGER CHILDREN LEARN TO AVOID BEING CRIME VICTIMS** Set a good example, and volunteer to help with Community efforts to stop crime.



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GANG PREVENTION TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN.**
- **LISTEN TO AND RESPECT YOUR CHILDREN'S FEELINGS.**
- **LEARN THE SIGNS AND REASONS FOR GANG INVOLVEMENT.**
- **KNOW YOUR CHILD'S FRIENDS AND CONTACT THEIR PARENTS.**
- **KNOW THE BASICS WHEN YOUR CHILD GOES OUT:**
 - **Who are they going to be with?**
 - **Where are they going?**
 - **What will they be doing?**
 - **How can you get in contact with them?**
 - **Will there be an adult present?**
- **SET CURFEWS AND STICK TO THEM**
- **ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE REASONABLE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR.**
- **TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND GANGS.**
- **DON'T TOLERATE THE USE AND/OR PRESENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES OR GANG ACTIVITY BY YOUR CHILDREN OR THEIR FRIENDS.**
- **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO DEAL WITH PEER PRESSURE AND HOW TO SAY "NO."**
- **CHECK YOUR CHILD'S ROOM FOR DRUGS, WEAPONS OR EXCESSIVE MONEY.**
- **MAKE EDUCATION A PRIORITY.**
- **WORK WITH YOUR COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO PREVENT GANGS FROM STARTING.**